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**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1) (Currently amended) An actuating device [[[4]]] for a cushion body [[(2)]] of a headrest [(1), particularly] for vehicle seats, comprising two connecting rods [[(3)]] projecting from the cushion body [[(2)];], the actuating device [[[4]]] comprising:

a supporting frame [[(5)]] housed inside the cushion body and operably secured to the connecting rods, and actuating means [[(6)]] carried by the supporting frame and fitted to the cushion body [(2), to adjust the position of the cushion body (2) with respect to the rods (3)];

said supporting frame [[(5)]] comprising a first substantially plate-shaped member [platelike portion (10)] supporting said actuating means [first connecting means [[(9)]] for said actuating means (6)];

said actuating means comprising a second substantially plate-shaped member [platelike portion (15)] movable with respect to said first plate-shaped member [platelike portion (10)] and supporting at least part of said cushion body [[(2)]];;

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said actuating means further comprising levers connecting  
said first plate-shaped member to said second plate-shaped member;  
and

said actuating means further comprising an actuator  
operably coupled to said first plate-shaped member and said levers  
to rotate said second plate-shaped member towards a user's head in  
the event of impact of the vehicle.[] and

connecting means (11, 14, 14a, 3a) being provided to  
connect said rods (3) to said first platelike portion (10)].

2) (Currently amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein  
[characterize in that] said second plate-shaped member [platelike  
portion (15)] is separate from said cushion body, and carries a  
fastener [fastening means (19)] for said cushion body [(2)].

3) (Currently amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein  
[characterize in that] said rods [(3)] are separate from said  
supporting frame [(5), and in that said first platelike portion  
(10) carries, for each of said rods (3), a retaining seat (14)  
engageable by a connecting portion (3a) of the relative rod (3);  
retaining means (14a) being associated with said retaining seat  
(14) to retain said connecting portion (3a) inside said retaining  
seat (14)].

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4) (Currently amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1 [[3]],  
wherein [characterize in that] said supporting frame [[5]] also  
comprises two shoulders [[11]] located on opposite lateral sides  
of said first plate-shaped member [platelike portion (10)], and  
each defining a lateral support for said cushion body [[2]].

5) (Currently amended) A device as claimed in Claim 4, wherein  
[characterize in that] each said shoulder [[11]] is defined by a  
plate connected to said first plate-shaped member [platelike  
portion (10)].

6) (Currently amended) A device as claimed in Claim 4, wherein  
[characterize in that] said first plate-shaped member [platelike  
portion (10)] and said shoulders [[11]] form part of a single  
monolithic, substantially U-shaped body [[13]].

7) (Canceled)

8) (Currently amended) A device as claimed in Claim 2, wherein  
[characterize in that] said fastener [fastening means (19)] for  
said cushion body [(2) are] is a fast-fit fastener [fastening  
means].

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9) (Currently amended) A device as claimed in Claim 8, wherein [characterize in that] said fast-fit fastener [fastening means] comprise bayonet connecting means.

10) (Currently amended) A device as claimed in Claim 8, wherein [characterize in that] said fast-fit fastener comprises [fastening means comprise] a projection [[(19)]] carried by said second plate-shaped member [platelike portion (15)]; and a seat for housing said projection being carried by said cushion body [[(2)]].

11) (New) An actuating device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said actuator is a pyrotechnic actuator.

12) (New) An actuating device as claimed in claim 3, wherein  
said supporting frame also comprises two shoulders  
located on opposite lateral sides of said first plate-shaped  
member;

each of said shoulders carries, for each of said rods, a  
retaining seat engageable by a connecting portion of the connecting  
rod; and

retaining means associated with said retaining seat to  
retain said connecting portion inside said retaining seat.

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13) (New) An actuating device as claimed in claim 12, wherein said shoulders have respective holes defining said retaining seats.

14) (New) An actuating device for a cushion body of a headrest for vehicle seats, comprising two connecting rods projecting from the cushion body, the actuating device comprising:

a supporting frame housed inside the cushion body and operably secured to the connecting rods, and actuating means carried by the supporting frame and fitted to the cushion;

said supporting frame defining a cavity;

said actuating means comprising a substantially plate-shaped member movable with respect to said supporting frame and supporting at least part of said cushion body;

said actuating means further comprising levers connecting said supporting frame to said plate-shaped member;

said actuating means further comprising an actuator to move said plate-shaped member towards a user's head in the event of impact of the vehicle; and

said levers and said actuator are housed within said cavity.

15) (New) An actuating device as claimed in claim 14, wherein:

said supporting frame comprises another substantially

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plate-shaped member; and;

two shoulders located on opposite lateral sides of said  
another plate-shaped member to form said cavity.

16) (New) An actuating device as claimed in claim 14, wherein said  
shoulders are integral with said another plate-shaped member.